

ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position is responsible to make inquiries and conduct investigations into unnatural deaths within the County, at the direction of the Medical Examiner and as prescribed by law. The incumbent will perform autopsies, post mortem and pathological and other examinations for all violent, suspicious and unexpected deaths. The incumbent will also conduct hearings and present reports on findings to the Medical Examiner or other appropriate authorities. Work is performed under the direction of the Medical Examiner. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinates.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Performs autopsies, chemical, serological and bacteriological examinations to determine cause of death;
2. Visits the scenes of suspicious and violent deaths, conducts investigations and prepares reports;
3. Dictates autopsy reports on pathological findings;
4. Presents reports on findings to Medical Examiner;
5. Performs other related duties as outlined in law;
6. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge and ability to perform autopsies and to dissect human bodies; ability to work cooperatively with professionals; ability to supervise the work of others; tact; courtesy; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university school of medicine.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of valid license to practice medicine issued by the New York State Education Department.

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